



Address the Nation's Mental Health Crisis

The Problem:

- One in five adults in this country suffers from a mental illness, but nearly 60 percent aren't getting the treatment they need.

The Solution:

The Cures bill includes important measures to help those with a mental or substance use disorder by:

- **Ensuring that mental health programs are effectively serving those with mental illness** by improving coordination between federal agencies and departments that provide grants and services for individuals with mental illness, and improving accountability and evaluations of mental health programs;
- **Helping states meet the needs of those suffering from mental illness by updating** the block grant for states and ensuring that federal dollars support states in providing quality mental health care for individuals suffering from mental illness;
- **Promoting the use of the most up-to-date, evidence-based approaches for treating mental illness;**
- **Requiring** mental health agency leadership to **include professionals who have practical experience;**
- **Improving access to mental health care** for individuals including veterans and service members, homeless individuals, women, and children; and
- **Improving training** for those who care for individuals with mental and substance use disorders.